



Docket No.: 826.1752

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi TSUDA et al.

Serial No. 09/960,300

Group Art Unit: 3627

Confirmation No. 4780

Filed: September 24, 2001

Examiner: Lynda C. Jasmin

For: MERCHANDISE MANAGEMENT METHOD, MERCHANDISE RECOMMENDATION  
METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM THEREFOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 30, 2007. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 28, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.